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SUBJ: LORD CARRINGTON DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER LORD CARRINGTON, WHO IS TOURING SOUTH AFRICA AT THE REQUEST OF MARGARET THATCHER, SPENT ONLY ONE DAY IN LUSAKA AS A RESULT OF TRANSPORT COMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE KENYA-TANZANIA BORDER CLOSING. HE SAW PATRIOTIC FRONT/ZAPU LEADERS SILUNDIKA AND JOHN NKOMO, SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA. HE APPEARED TO BE TRYING TO GET A FEEL FOR THE PROBLEMS BY ASKING QUESTIONS RATHER THAN EXPRESSING VIEWS OR SUGGESTING SOLUTIONS. HIS MEETING WITH ZAPU LEADERS WAS UNEVENTFUL. SILUNDIKA APPARENTLY DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A STUDENT OF MARXIST PHILOSOPHY BUT NOT A COMMUNIST. CARRINGTON'S DISCUSSION WITH NUJOMA IS DISCUSSED IN SEPTTEL.

2. THE MEETING WITH PRES KAUNDA WAS A FRIENDLY SESSION IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT MADE CLEAR HIS CLOSE FEELINGS FOR THE BRITISH. THE PRESIDENT HAD ASKED THAT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER MILES BE INCLUDED IN THE MEETING. IT WAS FAIRLY EVIDENT THAT KAUNDA WAS ATTEMPTING TO SMOOTH OVER THE HARSH WORDS WHICH HAD PASSED DURING HIS MOST RECENT MEETING WITH RICHARD. HE MADE CLEAR THAT

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THOUGH HE SOMETIMES DISAGREED WITH CALLAGHAN AND THATCHER, HIS FRIENDSHIP FOR THEM REMAINED AND HE SAID HE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE JUNE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

3. DISCUSSING THE RHODESIAN QUESTION, KAUNDA SAID HE SAW NO HOPE FOR NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL SMITH HAD DEPARTED FROM THE SCENE. THIS WOULD HAVE TO OCCUR WITHIN THE YEAR IF A NEGOTIATED

SETTLEMENT WAS TO BE POSSIBLE. OTHERWISE HE FELT THE SOVIETS
WOULD BE THE MAJOR GAINERS IN RHODESIA AS THEY HAD BEEN IN
ANGOLA. THE PRESIDENT ALSO EXPRESSED HIS SERIOUS CONCERN OVER
THE POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY INCURSION FROM RHODESIA INTO ZAMBIA.
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